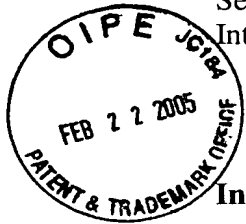


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Sir:

In response to the Reply Brief dated December 21, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on February 21, 2005 please amend the above-identified application and enter remarks as follows. This amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and effectively withdraws the outstanding Appeal.

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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